

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 2, 2009 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 636, HB 562, HB 653;
3/19/2009

Executive Action: HB 653 ~ DO CONCUR

HEARING ON HB 562

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 562, Allow change in application of protested school
taxes to GTB.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:57 Bob Vogel, Montana Schools Boards Association (MSBA)
00:06:26 Lynda Brannon, representing Montana Association of
School Business Officials (MASBO)
00:07:04 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:37 Sen. Erickson
00:09:03 Rep. Cohenour
00:09:34 Sen. Brown
00:09:55 Sen. Cohenour
00:10:02 Sen. Brown
00:10:31 Bob Vogel, MSBA
00:12:26 Sen. Kaufmann
00:13:10 Bob Vogel
00:14:26 Sen. Gillan
00:14:57 Bob Vogel
00:16:52 Sen. Brown
00:17:09 Bob Vogel
00:20:42 Sen. Hamlett
00:21:28 Bob Vogel
00:23:17 Chairman Essmann
00:24:31 Rep. Cohenour
00:25:08 Chairman Essmann
00:25:17 Bob Vogel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:45 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 636

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:15 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on
HB 636, Tax incentive to sell mobile home park to
resident's group.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:33 Tammy Hoth, Mountain Springs Villa, Inc., Red
Lodge

00:35:06 Maureen Rude, Neighborworks, formerly Montana
HomeOwnership Network, Inc, (MHN)

[EXHIBIT \(tas73a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:56 Brian Staley, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:38:18 Debbie Jurcich, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:42 Sen. Kaufmann
00:38:59 Maureen Rude, MHN
00:39:15 Sen. Hamlett
00:39:46 Maureen Rude
00:40:00 Chairman Essmann
00:40:28 Brian Staley, DOR
00:41:32 Sen. Erickson
00:42:18 Debbie Jurcich, DOR
00:43:30 Chairman Essmann
00:43:53 Debbie Jurcich
00:45:12 Sen. Gillan
00:46:19 Brian Staley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:42 Rep. Dickenson

00:48:36 Sen. Gebhardt left committee hearing

HEARING ON HB 653

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:05 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 653, Revise base taxable value of TIF for local disaster.

[EXHIBIT\(tas73a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas73a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:56:28 Debbie Jurcich, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:57 Sen. Hamlett

00:57:43 Rep. Pomnichowski

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:00 Rep. Pomnichowski

Committee Business:

00:58:43 Chairman Essmann

00:59:17 Sen. Erickson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653

00:59:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Erickson moved that **HB 653 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Erickson will carry HB 653.

Committee Business:

01:00:29 Chairman Essmann
01:00:40 Sen. Brown
01:01:38 Sen. Black
01:02:48 Sen. Gillan
01:03:32 Sen. Kaufmann
01:04:01 Sen. Gillan
01:04:44 Chairman Essmann
01:04:53 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:05:31 Chairman Essmann

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (tas73a04)

EXHIBIT (tas73a05)

Both exhibits relate to HB 315 originally heard in committee on April 1, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas73aad.pdf](#))